

Fig. 2E2 is an elevated side view of the transportable basketball system shown in Fig. 2E1 arranged in its transport configuration;

Fig. 3A is a perspective view of the second illustrative embodiment of the transportable basketball system of the present invention, showing a wind-transmissive backboard structure, a basketball hoop and net structure, and a sand-anchorable pole assembly comprising discrete pole sections that are arrangeable into a play configuration for enabling the safe playing of basketball-related games on beaches, shorelines and other sand-covered outdoor environments;

Fig. 3B is a rear view of the second illustrative embodiment of the transportable basketball system shown in Fig. 3A;

Fig. 3C is a perspective, partially cut-away view of a second illustrative embodiment of the wind-transmissive backboard structure of the present invention utilizable a second illustrative embodiment of the system of Fig. 3A, showing a basketball hoop structure design to be releasably removed from a support recess formed on the frame portion of the backboard structure of the illustrative embodiment;

Fig. 3D1 is an elevated rear view of the transportable basketball system of the second illustrative embodiment of the present invention shown in Fig. 3A, shown disassembled from its assembled configuration and reassembled into a transport configuration wherein all of the disassembled components of the system are releasably attached to the rear portion of the backboard structure for transport purposes;

Fig. 3D2 is an elevated side view of the transportable basketball system shown in Fig. 2D1 arranged in its transport configuration;

Fig. 4 is an elevated side view of a third illustrative embodiment of the transportable basketball system of the present invention, showing a wind-transmissive backboard structure, a basketball hoop and net structure, and a pole anchorable assembly configured together so as to enable the safe playing of basketball-related games on beaches, shorelines and other sand-covered outdoor environments;

Fig. 4A1 is a plan view of the subcomponents associated with the pole anchoring assembly of the present invention shown configured with the transportable basketball system of Fig. 4;

Fig. 4A2 is an elevated side view of the subcomponents associated with the post anchoring assembly shown in Fig. 4A1;

Fig. 5 is an elevated, partially broken away side view of a fourth illustrative embodiment of the transportable basketball system of the present

invention, wherein a break-away resilient coupling is used to connect a base anchoring plate to the pole assembly of the system;

Fig. 6 is a side view of an alternative pole anchoring subsystem for use with any of the transportable basketball system of the present invention, showing a hollow sand-fillable structure, for stabile supporting the backboard pole assembly thereof within a bed of water-saturated sand;

Fig. 7A is a rear, partially broken away view of an alternative embodiment of the basketball system of Fig. 3A, wherein the wind-transmissive backboard structure thereof comprises to a pair of wind-transmissive panels hingedly connected together and maintained in a single plane when the pole assembly is installed within the post clamping mechanisms associated with these panels;

Fig. 7B is an elevated side view of the basketball system of Fig. 7A;

Fig. 7C is a rear side view of the basketball system of Fig. 7A shown with its upper backboard panel folded down against the lower backboard panel, the basketball hoop structure folded up and back against the folded down upper backboard panel, and the pole sections and pole anchoring sleeve releasably retained against the rear surface of the lower backboard panel, so that the system is arranged in its transport configuration, to provide an ultra-compact lightweight unit for transport between sand covered outdoor environments and remote locations;

Fig 7D is a rear view of the basketball system of Fig 7A.

Fig. 8A is an elevated side view of an alternative embodiment of the basketball structure of the present invention arranged in its transport configuration, wherein the wind-transmissive backboard structure shown in Fig. 3A is employed in the basketball system of Fig. 1;

Fig. 8B is an elevated side view of the basketball system shown in Fig. 8A, arranged in its transport configuration;

Fig. 9 is a cross-sectional view of a first illustrative embodiment of the basketball construction of the present invention, designed for optimal use with any of the transportable basketball systems of the present invention;

Fig. 10 is a cross-sectional view of a second illustrative embodiment of the basketball construction of the present invention designed for use optimal use with the transportable basketball systems of the present invention; and

Fig. 11 is a cross-sectional view of a third illustrative embodiment of the basketball construction of the present invention designed for use optimal use with the transportable basketball systems of the present invention.